

CLAIMS

1. An interactive media services client device for enabling a user to search for media information, said client device comprising:
 - 5 memory for storing data;
 - media information stored in said memory; and
 - a processor configured to search said media information and to cause a search result related to user input to be displayed on a display device.
- 10 2. The client device of claim 1, wherein the media information and the search result include information about purchasable and free media presentations.
3. The client device of claim 2, wherein a media presentation is selected from a group consisting of:
 - 15 a broadcast television program, a movie, a video-on-demand presentation, a pay-per-view presentation, a cable television program, and a recorded presentation.
4. The client device of claim 2, wherein the search result identifies a media title.
5. The client device of claim 4, wherein the search result identifies a source for said media title.
6. The client device of claim 5, wherein the search result is displayed on the display device and is selectable through user input.
7. The client device of claim 6, wherein said processor is further responsive to user selection of a media title by causing a media identified by the media title to be displayed on the display device.
8. The client device of claim 7, wherein the display device is a television.

9. The client device of claim 8, wherein said client device is coupled to a programmable media services server device.

5 10. The client device of claim 9, wherein user input is received from a remote control device.

11. An interactive media services client device for enabling a user to search for media information, said client device comprising:

10 means for storing data;
media information stored by said means for storing data; and
processing means configured to search said media information and to cause a
search result related to user input to be displayed on a display device.

12. The client device of claim 11, wherein the media information and the search result include information about purchasable and free media presentations.

13. The client device of claim 12, wherein a media presentation is selected from a group consisting of:

20 a broadcast television program, a movie, a video-on-demand presentation, a
pay-per-view presentation, a cable television program, and a recorded
presentation.

14. The client device of claim 12, wherein the search result identifies a media title.

25 15. The client device of claim 14, wherein the search result identifies a source for said media title.

30 16. The client device of claim 15, wherein the search result is displayed on the display device and is selectable through user input.

17. The client device of claim 16, wherein said processing means is further responsive to user selection of a media title by causing a media identified by the media title to be displayed on the display device.

5 18. The client device of claim 17, wherein the display device is a television.

19. The client device of claim 18, wherein said client device is coupled to a programmable media services server device.

10 20. The client device of claim 19, wherein user input is received from a remote control device.

21. A programmable media services server device for providing media services to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:

memory for storing data;

media information stored in said memory; and

a processor configured to search said media information and to provide the user with a search result via the interactive media services client device.

20 22. The server device of claim 21, wherein the media information and the search result include information about purchasable and free media presentations.

23. The server device of claim 22, wherein a media presentation is selected from a group consisting of:

25 a broadcast television program, a movie, a video-on-demand presentation, a pay-per-view presentation, a cable television program, and a recorded presentation.

24. The server device of claim 22, wherein the search result identifies a media title.

25. The server device of claim 24, wherein the search result identifies a source for said media title.
26. The server device of claim 25, wherein said media title and said source for said media title are displayed on a display device.
27. The server device of claim 26, wherein said client device is responsive to user selection of said media title by causing a media identified by said media title to be displayed on the display device.
28. The server device of claim 27, wherein the display device is a television.
29. The server device of claim 28, wherein the client device receives user input from a remote control device.
30. A programmable media services server device for providing media services to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:
means for storing data;
media information stored by said means for storing data; and
processing means configured to search said media information and to provide the user with a search result via the interactive media services client device.
31. The server device of claim 30, wherein the media information and the search result include information about purchasable and free media presentations.

32. The server device of claim 31, wherein a media presentation is selected from a group consisting of:

a broadcast television program, a movie, a video-on-demand presentation, a pay-per-view presentation, a cable television program, and a recorded presentation.

33. The server device of claim 31, wherein the search result identifies a media title.

34. The server device of claim 33, wherein the search result identifies a source for said media title.

35. The server device of claim 34, wherein said media title and said source for said media title are displayed on a display device.

36. The server device of claim 35, wherein said client device is responsive to user selection of said media title by causing a media identified by said media title to be displayed on the display device.

37. The server device of claim 36, wherein the display device is a television. 38. The server device of claim 37, wherein the client device receives user input from a remote control device.

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39. A method for providing media services to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable video service server device, said method comprising:

receiving user input;

searching media information stored in memory; and

providing the user with a search result that is related to user input.

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40. The method of claim 39, wherein the media information and the search result include information about purchasable and free media presentations.

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41. The method of claim 40, wherein a media presentation is selected from a group consisting of:

a broadcast television program, a movie, a video-on-demand presentation, a pay-per-view presentation, a cable television program, and a recorded presentation.

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42. The method of claim 40, wherein the search result identifies a media title.

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43. The method of claim 42, wherein the search result identifies a source for said media title.

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44. The method of claim 43, wherein said media title and said source for said media title are displayed on a display device.

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45. The method of claim 44, wherein said client device is responsive to user selection of said media title by causing a media identified by said media title to be displayed on the display device.

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46. The method of claim 45, wherein the display device is a television.

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47. The method of claim 46, wherein the client device receives user input from a remote control device.